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SUBJ: FY'77 AMERICAN SPECIALIST PROGRAM

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1. POST APPRECIATES RECRUITING FOR THEMATIC PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A. QUALITY OF AMSPECS THIS YEAR HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND THESE ALSO LOOK LIKE JUST WHAT WE NEED, AT SAME TIME WE HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTY IN ADVANCE PLANNING OF THEMATIC PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF DELAYS IN AMSPEC RECRUITING STATUS REPORTS AND CONFUSION ARISING FROM CU AND ICS MESSAGES REGARDING SUPPORT FOR SOME PROGRAMS. REQUEST CU MORE FREQUENTLY SEND ONE-COUNTRY STATUS REPORTS ON PLANNING FOR SUBSEQUENT MONTHS -- FREQUENCY TO DEPEND ON CHANGES IN RECRUITING PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS. WE IN TURN WILL MORE FREQUENTLY CABLE INQUIRIES AND STATUS REPORTS AS OUR LOCAL PROGRAMMING DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT. WE HOPE OUR MONTHLY PLANNING CALENDAR, SENT TO CU AND ICS, ALSO WILL HELP. FIRST REGIONAL STATUS REPORT OF EARLY FALL (STATE 281665) LEFT SOME PROPOSALS UNRESOLVED FOR LONG PERIOD AND FEBRUARY FOLLOW UP MESSAGE (REFTEL) UNCLASSIFIED

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RAISES QUESTIONS WHICH ARE OUTLINED BELOW ALONG WITH COMMENTS ON REFTEL PROPOSALS AFFECTING KOREA.

2. OUR MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS POPULATION AND WORLD FOOD RESOURCES SEMINAR WHICH WE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9 AFTER RECEIVING USIA 36991 WHICH SAID CU ABOUT TO CONFIRM FOOD SPECIALIST FOR OUR KS-07 AND WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE HIM COINCIDE

WITH POPULATION SPECIALIST RECRUITED BY USIA FOR MARCH 7-9 VISIT. WE THEN ARRANGED FOR LOCAL CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR SEMINAR, COMMISSIONED KOREAN PAPERS AND MADE OTHER PLANS WHICH CANNOT BE CHANGED. IN RETROSPECT WE SEE THESE COMMITMENTS WERE A MISTAKE, BUT WE CANNOT BRING OFF QUALITY PROGRAM WITHOUT AT LEAST TWO MONTHS ADVANCE WORK AFTER KNOWING DEFINITE DATES. IN OUR LATEST INQUIRY TO CU ABOUT FOOD SPECIALIST FEB. 7, WE LEARNED PROSPECTS WERE DIM BECAUSE OTHER POSTS WERE UNINTERESTED, BUT THEN WE WERE STARTLED BY REFTELS - FEB. 8 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SPECIALIST HAD BEEN RECRUITED FOR KOREA AND FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES IN APRIL-MAY PERIOD. BELIEVE CLOSER COMMUNICATION COULD HAVE AVOIDED CURRENT PREDICAMENT.

3. WE WILL PROGRAM FOOD SPECIALIST IN APRIL-MAY PERIOD AS SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP, BUT NEED CONFIRMED DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REFTEL ALSO SCHEDULES URBANOLOGISTS FOR KOREA IN APRIL-MAY. THIS NOT REQUESTED IN CPP CUT BELIEVE WILL BE USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO WILFRED OWEN VISIT.

5. CAN KOREA BE ADDED TO AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM PROGRAM?

6. LABOR EXCHANGE NOT IN POST'S PLANS, BUT CAN USE REGIONALLY FUNDED SPEAKERS. REQUEST DETAILS.

7. COMPARATIVE LAW, WHICH REFTEL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE, WAS COMPLETED BY POST IN NOVEMBER (SEOUL 9911). WE CAN USE SPEAKER AS FOLLOW-UP. CITIZEN GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING-- JUNE OK.

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9. U.S. ROLE IN EAST ASIA. PRESUME THIS COORDINATED WITH EARLIER KS-04 COMMUNICATIONS (SEE PARA 2 SEOUL 0716).

10. POST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT REEDY PROPOSAL. WOULD PLAN JOINT SEMINAR AROUND VISIT. SEPTEMBER WOULD BE BEST MONTH.

11. CU'S EARLIER INFORMED US (STATE 264147) THAT AMSPEC ON AMERICAN DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD (KS-02) BEING RECRUITED FOR JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. REQUEST STATUS.

12. DOES REFTEL MEAN THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR AMSPEC FOR POST'S CCP PROJECTS ON "ROLE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN POLICY" (KS-09) AND "INTERNATIONAL TRADE" (KS-08) THIS FISCAL YEAR?

13. IS KS-12. "USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY," UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SEPTEMBER AS REQUESTED?
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